

QUARTERLY REPORT

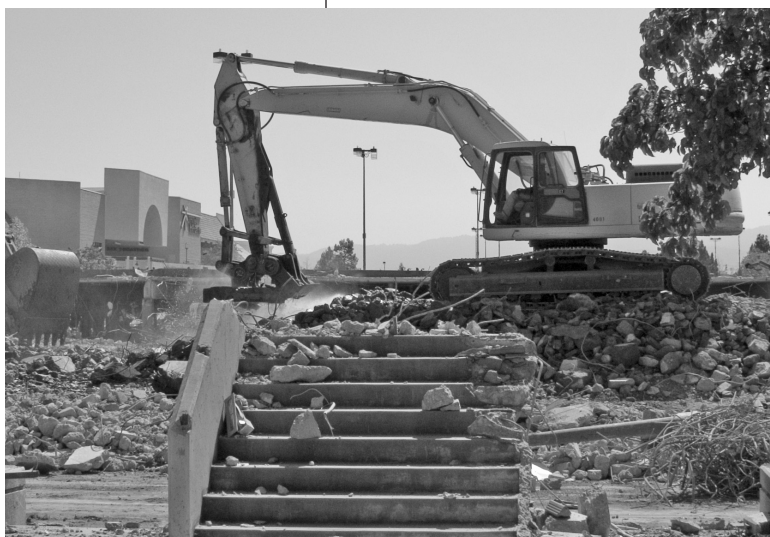


CITY OF SUNNYVALE

FALL 2005

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

Demolition of the Mathilda Avenue parking decks marks the long-awaited start of the redevelopment of Town Center Mall. Forum Development Group, which purchased the mall out of bankruptcy in April, directed its demolition contractor to begin work in August.



Heavy machinery makes quick work of the parking garage on Washington Avenue.

The first phase of demolition involves the parking decks, credit union, and Chevy's Restaurant along Mathilda Avenue. This phase will be completed by Thanksgiving, with a new temporary parking lot provided on Washington Avenue west of Macy's to serve holiday shoppers. The second phase of demolition will start after New Years Day and will remove all of the old mall between Macy's and Target. The two department stores will remain open for business throughout the redevelopment process.

Murphy and McKinley Avenues will be reconnected along their original rights-of-way, and will be lined with shops and restaurants, with offices and housing above. Redwood Square, the centerpiece of the development, will provide

a gathering place among the six historic redwood trees which mark the site of Sunnyvale's old City Hall. Overall, the project will result in 1 million square feet of retail development, including the existing Macy's and Target stores, a multi-screen cinema, more than a quarter-million square feet of office, and 292 for-sale residential units. Forum has committed to open the retail portion of the project in fall 2007.

On June 21, the Sunnyvale City Council approved Forum's construction mitigation plan for the demolition phase. The plan specifies truck routes, dust control and similar mitigation measures for the demolition work, as well as new directional signs for parking. Monthly meetings with downtown merchants will work to reduce any negative impact of the redevelopment activity on downtown businesses. Forum will be reminding customers through newspaper ads and colorful signage that Murphy Avenue and Town &

Country Village remain open for business.

The City has approved major new developments in the downtown area and has completed an Urban Design Plan for further downtown redevelopment, including the core transit facility at Evelyn Avenue and Frances Street. Features such as bus shelters, lighting, enhanced streetscape, improved pedestrian connections to adjacent land uses, and bus driver facilities are being designed for this \$1.3 million project, slated to begin in early 2006.

Downtown redevelopment information is available at the City's downtown redevelopment Web site, downtown.inSunnyvale.com, or by calling (408) 737-4900, TDD (408) 730-7501. Forum Development has also established a Web site, www.sunnyvaletowncenter.com, to keep residents and businesses up to date on the redevelopment process. Visitors are welcome at the project office at 250 S. Mathilda Ave. ☼

TAX MEASURES ON BALLOT

Sunnyvale voters will get a chance to vote on two tax measures this November. The two tax measures give voters the opportunity to approve changes in the Business License Tax and the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT).

Sunnyvale's TOT, frequently referred to as a "hotel tax," is assessed on occupants who stay 30 consecutive days or less. If voters approve increasing the TOT, once fully implemented, revenues to the City could increase by \$600,000 per year to a total annual revenue of \$5.8 million.

The measure will ask whether the TOT rate should be raised from its current level of 8.5 percent to 9.5 percent over a two-year period. That would translate to an extra dollar of tax for every \$100 of room fees. If passed, the tax rate would increase from 8.5 percent to 9.0 percent for the period January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2008. Effective January 1, 2009, the amount of the tax will rise to 9.5 percent; however if the City's average hotel occupancy rate from January 1, 2008, to September 30, 2008, is below 60 percent, then the final tax increase to 9.5 percent will be delayed one year and not become effective until January 1, 2010.

The Business License Tax imposes a tax on business conducted within

the City, based on the number of employees or the number of rental units, whichever is larger. Sunnyvale's rates for both the TOT and the Business License Tax are among the lowest in the region. For the largest employers located in the City who pay the maximum amount, Sunnyvale's current rate of \$300 is much lower than Milpitas' \$1,850, Menlo Park's \$8,000, Cupertino's \$11,000 or San Jose's \$25,000.

The measure will ask whether the business license tax should be raised from its current level of \$10 for every five employees or rental units to \$30 for one, \$50 for two to five, and \$50 for each additional group of five employees or rental units, up to a maximum of \$9,500 for employees and \$4,250 for rentals. To reduce the fiscal impact to businesses, the tax increase would be phased in over two years, while the cap amounts for employees and rentals would be phased over three years. Both the business license tax and the caps would be adjusted annually for inflation.

If both the Business License TOT Tax increases are approved, Sunnyvale can expect a net increase of approximately \$1.4 million annually. While this still leaves a structural budget gap of \$400,000, the gap will be more manageable and will be unlikely to have a significant service impact on the community. ☼

COUNCIL CANDIDATES

A total of seven candidates have filed nomination papers to run for Sunnyvale City Council.

When filing for candidacy, applicants must specify for which of the seven seats they are running. Currently, seats 1 and 2 are open due to incumbents in these seats reaching their maximum terms; the first term for seat 3 is expiring, allowing candidates to run for this seat. While Sunnyvale City Council members are elected to specific seats, they serve at large, representing the entire City. Candidates are elected to four-year terms and may then run for one additional four-year term.

Candidates facing off in this year's election will be: Anthony Spitaleri and Tim Risch have filed for seat 1; Darab Ghaffary, Pete Richards and Christopher R. Moylan have filed for seat 2; and Incumbent John Howe and Nancy Smith have filed for seat 3.

Recorded statements made by Council candidates will be broadcast on KSUN-15, Sunnyvale's government access cable channel, beginning October 3 and running through November 5.



CITY OF SUNNYVALE Fall 2005

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TWO NEW DIRECTORS

The City of Sunnyvale welcomed two new department directors this summer. Erwin Young has been appointed the City's human resources director, and Dave Lewis has been named the new director of parks and recreation.

Young, who was previously human resources director for the City of Santa Cruz, sees Sunnyvale as a great opportunity. "I look forward to joining Sunnyvale's executive leadership team," Young said when his hiring was announced. "As HR

director, my job will be to manage the department to provide strong customer service to City departments, employees and the public."

Lewis fills the vacancy created when former Parks and Recreation Director Robert Walker moved up to become the City's assistant city manager.

As director of parks and recreation, Lewis will oversee the City's many parks and recreation centers, including golf courses, tennis courts and summer camp programs, as well as City facilities,

including the community center and senior center.

"Sunnyvale has a tradition of a strong commitment to parks and recreation," said Lewis. "The department is in good shape and I am eagerly looking forward to building on the broad base of existing programs. Parks and recreation is all about quality of life, and I see maintaining a great quality of life as one of our major contributions to Sunnyvale." ☀

ONIZUKA AIR FORCE STATION TO BE CLOSED

Last month, President Bush accepted the Department of Defense's (DOD) recommendation to close Onizuka Air Force Station.

In August 2005 an independent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) commission voted to support the DOD recommended closure of Onizuka and the creation of a new Armed Forces Reserve Center at Moffett Field as part of the 2005 BRAC process – an effort by the federal government to reorganize its military bases. An independent BRAC commission reviewed the DOD's recommendations and published a report containing its findings on September 8. The President was then obligated to accept or approve the recommendations in their entirety.

The City held several public meetings this summer to discuss the BRAC recommendations and get public input. Given the small chance of overturning the recommendation to close Onizuka, Council directed staff to begin exploring ways to reuse the base.

NOVA, a nonprofit, federally-funded employment and training agency operated by the City of Sunnyvale on behalf of seven local communities, has applied

for a \$100,000 Department of Labor National Emergency Grant (DOLNEG) to begin planning for the

worker dislocations that will occur because of the Air Force station closure. ☀



Photo: John Pilger

Onizuka Air Force Station in Sunnyvale.

RESIDENTS PLEASED WITH CITY, SERVICES

The City of Sunnyvale ranks higher in resident satisfaction than most cities in the nation, according to the results of a new survey. The 2005 Resident Satisfaction Survey, conducted by an independent research organization, was designed to measure trends in public opinion that help the City identify both successes and areas for future improvement.

Sunnyvale residents rate their satisfaction with services such as public libraries, police, fire and emergency services, and reliability of traffic signals higher than residents of other cities. Residents also report less concern with crime and environmental issues than residents participating in other nationwide surveys.

Telephone interviews were conducted with 408 randomly-selected Sunnyvale residents. Residents were asked their opinions on a variety of issues, including safety, City services, the economy and more. Here is a sampling of the findings from a draft version of the survey report.

- Residents of Sunnyvale are satisfied with their City, citing overall high marks for Sunnyvale City services safety and livability.
- The City's primary strengths are public safety, parks and recreation facilities, and Library services.
- Residents are happy with how easy it is to get information from the City.
- Most residents are confident their tax dollars are being spent wisely by the City.
- Residents cited affordable housing and development of the City's downtown area as areas for improvement.

Enclosed in this issue of Quarterly Report is a special insert summarizing Sunnyvale's fiscal year 2005/06 City budget. If you did not receive a budget insert with your copy of Quarterly Report, please call Kurtis Mock, Sunnyvale Finance Department, at (408) 730-7380, TDD (408) 730-7501 or visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov and click on *City Budget*.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESOURCES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The Sunnyvale Public Library contains a wealth of current and comprehensive information for the small business community.

The Library subscribes to several online business databases which you can access for free. The Business and Company Resource Center, for example, brings together company profiles, brand information, rankings, investment reports, company histories, chronologies and periodicals. This resource is available to you free of charge and is accessible online through the Library's Web site at *www.sunnyvaleLibrary.org*. You will need a Sunnyvale Library card to access the information online. To find out how to get a free Library card, call

(408) 730-7300, TDD (408) 730-7501.

Whether the answer can be found in books, magazines, videos, audiobooks, online or even in e-books, librarians are committed to helping you find the information you are looking for. And if we can't get the answer to your questions, we can connect you with researchers who have specific knowledge to more fully address your information needs.

Let the Sunnyvale librarians go to work for you, helping you find and use the information you need. You can reach the reference librarians in person, by telephone at (408) 730-7300, (408) 730-7809 or by e-mail at *adultref@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*. The Sunnyvale Public Library is located at 665 W. Olive Ave. ☎

ELECTRONIC BUSINESS PAGE NEWSLETTER

Sunnyvale's Business Page Newsletter is going online. The Economic Development Division plans to e-mail the Business Page four times per year, with a supplemental print mailing twice per year. To receive the Business Page electronically, please call (408) 730-7607, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail *econdev@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us*. Your contact information will not be shared with any third party.

CALL FOR BOARD AND COMMISSION APPLICATIONS

The City of Sunnyvale is currently accepting applications to fill vacancies on the Arts Commission, Board of Building Code Appeals, Heritage Preservation Commission, and Housing and Human Services Commission. To be a board or commission member, you need only be a registered voter residing in Sunnyvale. For more information and to request an application, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (408) 730-7595, TDD (408) 730-7501. Deadline is November 18.

AS THE ECONOMY GROWS, SO GOES COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE

The local economy continues to improve, and one sign of resurgence can be seen in Sunnyvale's commercial real estate market. During the second quarter of 2005, more than 725,000 square feet of R&D and office real estate was leased, an increase of 230 percent over the first quarter figure of nearly 168,000 square feet. Sunnyvale's low lease and rental rates – compared to neighboring cities – have contributed to a vacancy rate of 18.25 percent, lower than

neighboring Mountain View (21.96 percent) and the City of Santa Clara (21.69 percent).

The largest sale transaction for the second quarter of 2005 was for three existing buildings on Mathilda Avenue occupied by Juniper Networks, completed in mid-May. The three properties total 424,740 square feet of general purpose office space. The largest lease transaction was part of a business expansion by Sunnyvale's Blue Coat Systems for a property at 420 N. Mary Ave. ☎



Photo: John Pilger

Construction of the Best Buy store on El Camino Real nears completion.

THREE CHARTER AMENDMENTS ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

In addition to the two tax measures on this year's ballot, voters in Sunnyvale will get to decide the fate of three proposed charter amendments. The amendments deal with term limits for all boards and commissions, the residency requirement for the city manager, and a revision to the City's Heritage Preservation Commission. Charter amendments may be approved by a simple majority vote.

Boards and Commissions

If approved by voters, the City's Charter would be amended to retain a four-year term length for all City boards and commissions and to standardize the term limit of two consecutive terms for all boards and commissions. The Charter would retain the allowance of serving an

additional unexpired term of less than two years. The amendment would also eliminate the current two-year waiting period before a board or commission member may apply for a different board or commission after expiration of his or her term on the first board or commission.

Residency Requirement

Sunnyvale's City Charter currently requires the city manager to live within the City limits. This requirement, however, is prohibited by the state constitution and therefore is unenforceable. The Charter would be amended to make it consistent with state law regarding residency requirements. It should be noted, however, that while state law prohibits the residency requirement, there is no bar to the City negotiating

a residency requirement as part of an employment contract with a city manager.

Heritage Preservation Commission

The City Charter currently provides that the Heritage Preservation Commission may advise the City Council on "heritage resources, landmark sites and landmark districts." It also allows Council to authorize the commission to take action with regard to "landmark sites and landmark districts." It does not specifically authorize the commission to take action on heritage resources. The charter language would be amended to give the commission the ability to regulate heritage resources as it currently does with landmark sites and landmark districts. ☎

CHANGE
CLOCKS,
BATTERIES

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m., October 30. The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety reminds you to check the batteries in your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors save lives every day, but only if they are properly installed and maintained. Test your smoke detectors each month to make sure they are working, and change the battery at least once a year. A handy way to remind yourself to change batteries is to do it when you change your clocks at the end of Daylight Savings Time.

RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY
JUST GOT EASIER

Searching for a long lost ancestor? Researching your family tree? There are two new – and free – genealogy databases available to you at the Sunnyvale Public Library.

Ancestry Library Edition, available from within the Library, includes over two billion names, drawing from sources such as the U.S. Federal Census (1850 – 1930),

military records, immigration records, and birth, marriage and death records. You can view actual census documents, hand-written by census-takers, and find your ancestors’ occupations, how old they were, where they lived and even who their neighbors were.

Heritage Quest Online is available from home, 24 hours a day. You will need your Library card number to access this database. U.S. Census

information is accessible from this database, along with original images and map guides. Other features include the ability to search more than 200 genealogical journals, access to a large collection of genealogy and local history books and much more.

The databases can be viewed by going to the Library’s home page, www.SunnyvaleLibrary.org and clicking on databases. ☼

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

LITERATURE PROGRAMS

Book Chat

The second Wednesday of every month, gather in the Library Program Room at noon to hear a book chat highlighting good reads and hidden treasures. Feel free to bring a lunch.

Read-Along Shakespeare

Gather in the Library Program Room, the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. with other fans of Shakespeare to read his works and gain new appreciation of these timeless masterpieces. October: *The Merry Wives of Windsor*; November: *Henry VI, Part 3*; December: *Richard III*

Monthly Book Group

The third Thursday of every month, enjoy the fellowship of readers as you share impressions of books selected by the group, discovering new viewpoints and deepening your reading experience.

ADULT CLASSES

Adult classes in the Library are a great way to get a free introduction to the Library and its resources, including how to use computers and the Internet, fast becoming one of life’s necessities. Each class is one session, and meets in the Library Program Room. No registration required except for the Computer Comfort class. Visit www.SunnyvaleLibrary.org or call (408) 730-7300 for dates and times.

Computer Comfort

A presentation designed for new or first time computer users, with an opportunity for hands-on practice. Learn about computers in a relaxed, stress-free setting. This part lecture, part hands-on program lasts two hours. Registration starts two weeks prior to class date.

Extreme Googling

Learn how to get the most out of Google and improve searching efficiency. You will learn why word order is important, how Google “thinks,” and how to limit and combine terms.

Free Databases @ Your Library

Some of the Library’s most valuable and up-to-date resources are online. Learn how to get free access to millions of Web-based magazine and newspaper articles, thousands of eBooks, detailed company directories, in-depth information on health, business, controversial issues, and more. This class will also describe how to access many of these informative resources from your home or office.

Genealogy Databases

Learn about two of the libraries’ newest databases, *Ancestry Library Edition* and *HeritageQuest Online*. The course will cover content, basic searching, and viewing and printing techniques.

Introduction to the World Wide Web

Get the basics you’ll need to start your journey on the Information Superhighway. Topics include Internet terminology, hardware and software to connect to the Internet, Internet Service Providers, e-mail, great places to start

your search, and more. Designed for those with little or no experience using the Web.

Searching the World Wide Web

Find the information you want in minutes. Learn effective search techniques, discuss search engines and indexes, and discover great places to start your search. Meet some specialized search engines, visit the Invisible Web and explore some special features of your favorite research tools. This class is for those familiar with the Internet.

ADULT SPECIAL PROGRAMS

California Ballot Propositions

October 17, 7 p.m.

Get objective, nonpartisan explanations of the statewide propositions and local ballot measures under consideration in the November 8 special and general municipal elections when the Cupertino-Sunnyvale chapter of the League of Women Voters presents a free program describing the propositions and answering your questions.

Einstein Big and Small with Comedian/Physicist Norm Goldblatt

October 18, 7 p.m.

A popular lecture exploring the very large and the very small. From the world of nanophysics to the world of gigas, scientists and laymen deal with numbers smaller and much larger than can be comprehended directly. Part of the Einstein’s Big Idea program series.

Non-Trivial Science: a Trivia Contest

October 27, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Bring your smartest friends or come by yourself to compete in a fast paced and fun trivia contest. Light snacks and small, useful prizes will be awarded to the winners. Part of the Einstein’s Big Idea program series.

CHILDREN’S ONGOING PROGRAMS

Visit www.SunnyvaleLibrary.org or call (408) 730-7300 for dates and times.

- Cuentos en *Español*: For children 3 and up and their families.
- Family Storytime: For children of all ages and their families.
- Mother Goose for Pre-walkers: For infants from birth until walking.
- Mother Goose for Walkers: For children beginning to walk through age 2.
- Night Owl Storytime: For children 3 to 8 and their families.
- Preschool Storytime: For children 3 to 5 able to participate without a parent or caregiver. Registration begins October 29.
- Time for Tales: For children 3 to 5.
- Evening Toddler Storytime: For children 2 to 3½.
- Morning Toddler Storytime: For children 2 to 3½.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Author Bob Barner

November 5, 2 p.m.

Author and illustrator Bob Barner will talk about his writing and artwork. For children 5 and up and their families.

Celebrate Children’s Book Week, November 14 – 20

Children are invited to pick up an activity sheet at the Children’s Information Desk.

Glue and Go Costumes

Saturday, October 1, 2 p.m.

Holly Cleeland will unleash your imagination so that you will be able to create your own Halloween costume from household items. For children 5 and up and their families.

Night Owl Special – Celebrate Divali

Thursday, November 3, 7 p.m.

Learn about this Hindu festival of lights. For children 3 and up and their families.

Night Owl Special Tree Trim

Thursday, December 15, 7 p.m.

Children age 3 and up and their families are invited to make ornaments to decorate the Library’s Christmas tree.

Posadas

Thursday, December 8, 7 p.m.

Families are invited to participate in this traditional Latino celebration commemorating Mary and Joseph’s search for a place for Jesus’ birth. Refreshments will be provided. This program will be held at the Columbia Neighborhood Center gymnasium.

Sc[i]³ PROGRAMS

Sc[i]³ is a partnership between the City of Sunnyvale and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Sc[i]³ offers more than 40 classes on different aspects of intellectual property. Many Classes can be used to meet the continuing legal education requirements (CLE) in California. All classes are held in the Library Program Room unless otherwise indicated. Visit www.SunnyvaleLibrary.org or call (408) 730-7300 for dates and times.

Trademark Basics \$125

A brief and basic introduction to trademarks and service marks including federally-registered versus state or common law marks, why your mark should be registered, the necessity of a trademark search and how and why to search for your mark.

Rule Change \$225/\$250 (CLE)

The presentation will cover the current rules and implementation being undertaken by the USPTO. A U.S. Patent and Trademark Office videoconference.

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EINSTEIN COMES TO THE SUNNYVALE PUBLIC LIBRARY

One hundred years ago, Albert Einstein grappled with the implications of his revolutionary special theory of relativity and came to a startling conclusion: mass and energy are one. This realization is embodied by what has become the world's most recognizable equation: $E=mc^2$.

In celebration of this important milestone, the Sunnyvale Public Library has been named one of 20 libraries nationwide to serve as an outreach site for the upcoming NOVA special, *Einstein's Big Idea*. The special is based on David Bodanis' book *E=mc^2: A Biography of the World's Most Famous Equation*.

The Library has received a stipend and resources through an outreach grant from Boston's WGBH NOVA Science Unit and the American Library Association, to develop local programming this fall to help visitors of all ages learn about Einstein and his theories.

All Library programs are free to the public, although some require advance registration. Einstein's Big Idea debuts Tuesday, October 11, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. on PBS stations across the country. More information about Einstein and his revolutionary work can be found at www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/einstein/ or by visiting einstein.inSunnyvale.com.

Einstein Programs At The Library:

Einstein for Everyone: How Astronomers Are Proving Einstein's Most Bizarre Ideas about Space and Time with Astronomer Andrew Fraknoi of Foothill College
Wednesday, September 28, 6:30 p.m.

Andrew Fraknoi, Chair of Foothill College's Astronomy Department, will explain science concepts in everyday language for non-scientists. Tickets will be required for this program. A maximum of four free tickets per person are available from the Adult Information Desk, and must be picked up in person.

***Einstein's Big Idea* airs on PBS television**
Tuesday, October 11, 8 p.m.

Genius by genius, idea by idea, the PBS special Einstein's Big Idea shows how Einstein's remarkable predecessors provided the intellectual tools for his extraordinary breakthrough – and will help you understand this famous equation as never before. Be sure to check local TV listings as times can vary.

Gravity Probe B: Testing Einstein's Universe
Saturday, October 15, 2 p.m.

NASA's Shannon Range will give an interactive presentation on this sophisticated experiment designed to test Einstein's general theory of relativity. For students sixth grade and up and adults.

Einstein Big and Small with Comedian/Physicist Norm Goldblatt
Tuesday, October 18, 7 p.m.

A popular lecture exploring the very large and the very small. From Einstein's insights into the world of nano to the world of giga, scientists and laymen alike deal with numbers much smaller and much larger than can be easily comprehended.

Book Discussion: *A Short History of Nearly Everything* by Bill Bryson
Thursday, October 20, 7 p.m.

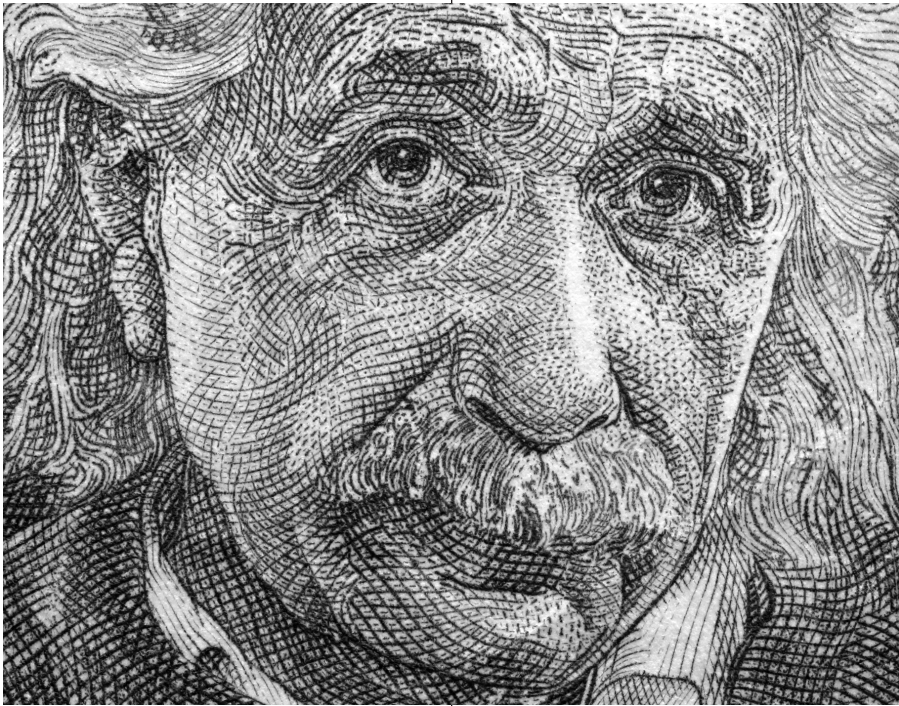
Bryson's book is a highly readable account of scientific knowledge. From atoms to the Earth to the universe, and the rise of civilizations, Bryson describes the seminal discoveries in nearly every branch of the sciences.

Science Scavenger Hunt
Sunday, October 23, 5 p.m.

Learn about Einstein using Library resources! We will meet together for pizza as the rules for the scavenger hunt are explained. Then teams of two or three will scour the Library to answer questions about Einstein and his work. Prizes will be awarded to winning teams. For students in fifth grade and up. Parents are encouraged to team up with a child. Please sign up for this program either in person in the Children's Room or by calling (408) 730-7292, TDD (408) 730-7501, beginning Monday, October 10.

Non-Trivial Science: a Trivia Contest
Thursday, October 27, 7 p.m.

Join our "Square Emcee," Janet Berkeley, for an evening of fun-filled science-related trivia. (Speed of) light snacks and (non-Nobel) prizes will be awarded to the winners. Since Einstein worked at the Swiss Patent Office, we will also be showing some amusing patents and some to



make your hair stand on end!

Individuals or teams of high school age and up are welcome.

Think Science – Do Science!
Wednesday, November 2, 7 p.m.

High school physics students will guide you in performing amazing acts of science. For students fifth grade and up.

Energy at Play: The Tech Museum at the Library
Saturday, November 19, 2 p.m.

Youth, families and adults are welcome to join us as we put energy to playful use. Teams, under the guidance of The Tech Museum staff members, will build a Tinker Toy® contraption to meet a challenge. Designed for those in fourth grade and above. Adult or older sibling assistance for younger students is encouraged. Sign up in the Library's Children's Room beginning November 1, or call (408) 730-7292, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☀

LIBRARY INTRODUCES NEW CATALOG

The Sunnyvale Public Library has come a long way since the days of the paper card catalog. In August, the Library unveiled a new and improved online catalog, replacing the nearly two-decade-old system currently in place.

The new system offers better search options and more flexibility. The new catalog is Web-based and has powerful new search functions. For example, you can now search by material type, such as books, CDs and periodicals. Or, if you are interested in only large-print or audiobooks, you can select those options. You can choose to search for materials that are only in the Children's collection or see only

those items currently available in the Library. If you read Spanish or Chinese, the new online catalog has those options available for you, too.

The new system allows you to access your personal Library account using your library card number, find out what books you still have checked out and verify their due dates. You can also change your PIN, renew your materials online or simply view a list of those items that you've previously checked out.

Remember, the Library still offers online assistance through our *AskNow* online reference option and online homework assistance through our *Live Homework Help* option. Simply log on to www.sunnyvalelibrary.org. ☀

GET LIBRARY INFO DELIVERED STRAIGHT TO YOUR E-MAIL INBOX

Staying in touch with what's happening at the Sunnyvale Public Library just became easier with the introduction of e-mail lists. Now community members may choose to be notified by e-mail with information about:

- Availability of materials on hold, notice of overdue materials, and reminders for materials which are due soon
- Library news and information
- Book discussion group
- Upcoming Library programs for adults, teens and children
- Patent and Trademark information
- "Library of the Future" public meetings and updates

To sign up for any of these notifications, simply e-mail ssloan@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us and let us know which type of information you'd like to receive. Your e-mail address will only be used for this mailing list and will not be shared with any third party.

BATTERED WOMEN GET SUPPORT IN SUNNYVALE

Twenty-seven years ago, the Support Network for Battered Women began in Mountain View with one woman and one telephone in a rented

room in a church. As the phone became flooded with cries for help, the Support Network was born. Today the network is a vital link in Santa Clara County's social service infrastructure, with 21 staff and more than 400 trained volunteers.

In August, the Support Network moved its offices to Sunnyvale. Agency services include crisis intervention, safety planning, emergency residential shelter, long-term counseling, legal advocacy and referrals. Counselors help women and their children rebuild their lives free of danger and fear.

Support Network counselors are available at its toll-free hotline

around the clock, every day of the year. All services are offered in both English and Spanish. With the introduction of its new *La Familia* program, the Support Network has become the only domestic violence agency in the county to make home visits and work with the entire family. This program was designed specifically for families who want to stay together but want the violence to stop. Support groups for women and therapy for children are currently being offered at the Columbia Neighborhood Center. For information about *La Familia*, call (408) 509-0173. ☎

DID YOU KNOW ...

- Battery does not need to be physical. It can also be verbal, psychological, financial or sexual.
- Half of the homeless women and children in this country are fleeing domestic violence.
- Murder by an intimate partner is the leading cause of death for pregnant women.
- Only one-seventh of all domestic attacks comes to the attention of law enforcement.

Are you afraid at home? Call the Support Network for Battered Women Hotline at (800) 572-2782.

PUBLIC SAFETY, FREMONT HIGH TO TACKLE RISING TRUANCY RATES

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety (DPS) and Fremont High School have joined forces to address a growing – and disturbing – trend. DPS and Fremont High staff estimate that on any given day, as many as 400 of the school's 1,900 students miss one or more classes. DPS sees a direct correlation between truancy and crimes committed by students during school hours and a similar correlation between truancy and disruptive behavior by students on campus and in the community.

This summer, the DPS Neighborhood Resources unit has worked closely with the District Attorney's office to implement a truancy abatement program similar to San Jose's successful program. The goal of this new program, which has the full support of Fremont High School administrators and the district office, is to ensure children are in school and receiving an education. The program applies sections of the education code to hold students accountable for their own attendance, and can impose sanctions, including suspension of driving privileges, for unexcused absences. The program also holds parents accountable for their child's attendance. While more severe legal consequences can result from continued truancy, DPS and school staff agree the goal of the program is one of education rather than punishment.

The program began in August with DPS and the District Attorney's Office training school staff.

RECOGNIZING OUR CHILD CARE COMMUNITY

They make a lasting and significant impact on our children's future, yet they often go unrecognized. They are child care providers, and they provide quality early-learning experiences in our community. The City of Sunnyvale has established the Recognizing Our Child Care Community (ROCCC) program to recognize the efforts of these extraordinary people and organizations.

ROCCC recognizes Sunnyvale child care providers who enhance the quality of child care in Sunnyvale by attending professional training, seminars and workshops to increase understanding of early childhood education and other issues closely related to the well-being of children and their families.

All licensed providers in family child care homes and child care centers are eligible to participate in ROCCC. In order to participate, providers need to contact the Child Care Resources Office in writing

when they have completed a child care-related training and include proof of attendance with their correspondence. They will then receive a certificate from the City acknowledging their dedication to advancing their knowledge of children and improving the quality of child care in Sunnyvale.

For more information about ROCCC, please call (408) 730-7608, TDD (408) 730-7501. If you would like to learn more about the City's Child Care Resources Program and the services provided to businesses, families and child care providers, please contact Kristen Nigriny, child care resources manager at (408) 730-7532, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail knigriny@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. Visit the Child Care Resources Web pages at www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources and click on Child Care Resources. ☎

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN SUNNYVALE

Volunteering with the City of Sunnyvale can be challenging and rewarding, and our online volunteer system makes signing up a snap. Just go to volunteering.inSunnyvale.com and fill out a volunteer application. Staff will contact you to talk about your interest.

Adopt-a-Park Pilot – Do you walk, play or exercise regularly at a park near your home or work? Sunnyvale is exploring establishing an Adopt-a-Park program that would provide a way for you to take a hands-on role in beautifying and watching over the park that supports

you. We invite you and your family, your neighborhood association, or a work, service or church group to participate in this new pilot program and help us determine how to structure a successful permanent project. Here are some different ways to get involved

- Sign up to monitor a specific area
- Arrange monthly or quarterly beautification days
- Plan a bigger one-day work project

Answer Point Team – If you enjoy helping people over the telephone, this new team may be for you. You will learn a lot about vital

City programs and services and will be trained to direct questions and inquiries from the public to offices in the City and beyond.

Clerical Assistants – You can sharpen your clerical skills and help provide services to the community in several City departments. Filing, data entry, preparation of mailings and sorting mail are just some of the office tasks involved in Sunnyvale's busy and professional offices.

If you have any questions about volunteering or would like a paper copy of the volunteer application please contact the Volunteer Resources Office at (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

NOVA’S RECRUITMENT SERVICES

When Deborah Olson, owner of Sunnyvale landmark C.J. Olson Cherries, was looking for an assistant with very specialized skills, she turned to the City of Sunnyvale’s Department of Employment Development, known throughout the community as NOVA. NOVA’s recruitment specialist worked closely with Olson to identify the ideal candidate and located several from NOVA’s pool. Olson’s staff interviewed candidates and hired an exceptionally qualified individual. “She’s working out really, really well,” said Olson of the new employee. “NOVA’s pulled through yet again.”

NOVA has been providing an extensive array of employment-related services to individuals and businesses throughout northern Santa Clara County for more than 20 years. Funded through the federal Workforce Investment Act, and overseen by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of California, the City of Sunnyvale administers this grant-based program at no cost to individual participants.

To better serve the needs of employers throughout the region, NOVA has steadily supplemented its services to businesses. Recruitment is one of NOVA’s most widely-acclaimed services. Unlike commercial job development or

recruitment agencies that work directly with job-search clients, NOVA’s team of recruitment specialists meet with employers to identify the skills and experience of the ideal job candidate. Drawing from NOVA’s pool of thousands of job-seekers, and supplementing this as necessary with clients from other regional employment organizations, NOVA’s recruitment specialists have succeeded in providing a valuable no-cost service to many of the region’s employers.

Some of the companies using NOVA’s recruitment services are Intel, Kaiser Permanente, Goodwill Industries and the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce. Companies interested in speaking with NOVA staff about these or related business services can contact NOVA at (408) 730-7830 or jobs@novaworks.org. Individuals seeking employment assistance can visit NOVA online at www.novaworks.org or stop by the CONNECT! Job Seeker Center at 420 S. Pastoria Ave, near the Sunnyvale Library, to receive resume assistance, attend specialized workshops or meet with a career advisor. ☀

OTHER NOVA SERVICES

- Pre-Layoff Assistance and Outplacement Services
- Staffing and Recruitment.
- Employee Training and Retention Services
- Professional Development
- Business Trends and Analysis
- Newsletters for the Business Community
- Business Development
- Helpful Business Contacts/Resources

WIRELESS ACCESS COMING TO SUNNYVALE

It’s about to get much easier – and possibly cheaper – to get connected to the Internet, whether you’re at home or out and about in Sunnyvale. The City has joined with MetroFi, Inc. to begin the process of brining wireless Internet access to Sunnyvale.

Beginning this fall, MetroFi will install transmitters to the tops of streetlight poles. Each transmitter provides Internet access to residences within a three-block radius. The initial roll out will be in a one to two square mile area around Lawrence Expressway and El Camino Real and in a two-square mile area in the southwestern portion of Sunnyvale along I-280. Service is expected to begin in November.

The current monthly charge for the MetroFi service is \$19.95, which includes a modem rental fee, or \$14.95 per month if customers chose to purchase the required modem. Access speeds are up to 1 megabit per second. This is competitive in both price and connection speed with residential digital subscriber line (DSL) and cable Internet services.



COMCAST CABLE TV FRANCHISE RENEWAL

This December, the cable television franchise agreement between Sunnyvale and Comcast Cable is set to expire. For more than a year and a half, the City has been navigating the complex process of renewing that contract to ensure the best service and lowest cost possible for residents of Sunnyvale.

One of the components of the franchise renewal process is an inspection of Comcast’s physical system installed throughout the

community. The City has performed two inspections of the system – the most recent in June – to ensure the system is up to current standards.

The City has also reviewed Comcast’s compliance with the franchise fee portion of the franchise agreement and audited the cable company’s financial accounting and reporting procedures. The City is currently reviewing its findings.

The City only regulates the basic cable services and equipment associated with basic cable services. Expanded cable services and cable modem services are exempt from

being regulated by the City. Please contact Comcast directly if you have questions or concerns regarding fees or services, or if you are experiencing trouble with your cable television service. The Sunnyvale Comcast office is located at 114 Sunnyvale Ave. You can also call Comcast directly at (408) 945-2288 or (800) 984-2824. If you have spoken with a Comcast representative and are dissatisfied with their response, please contact the City of Sunnyvale Information Technology Department at (408) 737-4999, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☀



Volunteers in Public Safety

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety is actively seeking volunteers for a number of assignments including:

- **Property and Evidence Unit:** Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Traffic Calming:** Monday – Friday, 2 hours in the mornings or afternoons
- **Records:** all shifts
- **Recruitment:** Two hours per week, Monday – Friday

(408) 730-7140
volunteering.inSunnyvale.com

FRIENDS FOR YOUTH

SUPPORTING SUNNYVALE YOUTH THROUGH MENTORING

To 15-year old Victor Chavez, his friendship with his mentor, Simon Foster, “is one of the coolest things in my life right now.” Victor lives in Sunnyvale with his mother and older brother; he doesn’t spend time with his father. Simon, a 30-year-old project manager for a computer security firm, lives in

Redwood City. Simon and Victor met last July through Friends for Youth, a non-profit mentoring organization serving San Mateo and northern Santa Clara Counties.

As a “senior friend,” or mentor, Simon and his “junior friend” spend about three hours together every week for one year. Mentors focus on fun activities, like visiting museums, playing soccer, baking cookies and exploring the Bay Area.

For the past five years, Friends for Youth has been working with Columbia Neighborhood Center to find mentors for Sunnyvale youth ages 8 to 17. These young people are referred for being “at-risk” of not reaching their full potential due to challenges at home, school or their community.

Research has shown that high-quality mentoring programs like Friends for Youth help young people stay in school, choose healthy lifestyles and avoid problems with violence, delinquency and substance abuse. Mentoring helps youth set higher educational expectations and break cycles of poverty or violence.

Many of these young people have never walked on the beach, been

to a ball game or had experiences typically associated with childhood. Rather than offer broad-based services to a large population, Friends for Youth offers intensive support to young people most in need of mentoring.

Since they were brought together by Friends for Youth, Simon and Victor have spent time driving in Simon’s classic car, going to a Giants game, learning about investing through an online project, taking Victor on his first kayaking trip and visiting area universities.

Mentors get something out of the experience too. Victor is now teaching Simon to play the bongos. Simon says that Victor has “taught me some new things and given me perspective.”

Because of the large number of youth who need mentoring, Friends for Youth is always in need of mentors, especially in the Sunnyvale area. For information about how to get involved, contact Friends for Youth at (650) 482-2867 or volunteer@friendsforyouth.org.

Find out how simply spending time and having fun with a young person can change his or her life, as well as your own. ☀

BORREGAS BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES

The City has begun design of two bicycle and pedestrian bridges that will span U.S. 101 and State Route 237 along the Borregas Avenue corridor. The project is intended to provide a safe and convenient route for bicyclists and pedestrians to and from north Sunnyvale and Moffett Park. This includes access to the John W. Christian Greenbelt, Baylands Park, the Moffett Industrial Park, and Columbia and Lakewood Schools. The project is primarily funded with State and Clean Air grants. It is estimated that the City will seek final State approval in June 2006. Contact Dieckmann Cogill at (408) 730-2713 or dcogill@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us with any questions.



CITYSKILLS UNDER WAY

Want to learn more about your city, how it works and how to get involved? The City of Sunnyvale, in partnership with Silicon Valley Leadership, presents CitySkills, a basic training program that teaches

how to effectively work with government to address issues.

After a successful pilot program in April, a second CitySkills class gets underway October 6. The program, which consists of one two-hour session per week for four consecutive weeks and costs just \$15, is an inexpensive way for Sunnyvale community members to get their feet wet in civic involvement and leadership with a relatively small time commitment.

The CitySkills schedule includes topics such as: Goal Setting, City Services and Government Structure, How Sunnyvale is Managed, Presenting Your Views to Government, City Budgeting, Impacting City Decisions, Sunnyvale’s “Hot” Issues, and Conflict Resolution.

Programs will be held twice a year, in the spring and fall. Applications are now available for the April 2006 program. To request an application, or for more information about CitySkills, please contact Michelle Bromstead, community outreach coordinator, at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us . ☀

SOMETHING NEW IS COMING TO SUNNYVALE PARKS & RECREATION

Beginning in October, you can register to receive a customer number which will enable you to take advantage of our new services in 2006. Services like senior center membership, expanded facility reservations, online registration for recreation classes and much more.

To get your customer number, please follow these steps:

1. Download and fill out the form from our Web site at recreation-signup.inSunnyvale.com. We will need one form for each adult over 18. Photocopies are permitted. Bring in or mail your completed form to:
Sunnyvale Parks and Recreation Department
550 East Remington Drive
Sunnyvale, CA 94087
2. Receive a customer number that will enable you to register for recreation programs or rent recreation facilities.

The City of Sunnyvale requires proof of residency in order to receive priority registration, discounted resident fees, or to qualify for recreation fee waiver programs. Any person who permanently resides in the City of Sunnyvale may qualify for the residency benefits. Identification with the same name and address is required in order to qualify as a resident. Online registration will begin as a trial for some classes beginning in March 2006 using your customer number.

**FOR ALL
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(408) 730-7501**

ANNUAL REPORT

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This Annual Report is provided as a special supplement to the Fall Quarterly Report. It provides an overview of the City of Sunnyvale’s key accomplishments during the last fiscal year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CDD)

At A Glance <p>The Sunnyvale Community Development Department (CDD) provides the community with development services, long-range community planning, economic prosperity and neighborhood stability. The hub of the department is the One-Stop permit center. The center provides all development-related services in one location including building permits, building inspections, business licenses, housing services, plan checking, planning permits, economic development, and other general services. The department is made up of five divisions: Building, Planning, Economic Development, Housing and Neighborhood Preservation.</p>		<p>loans and receive two-for-one matching funds up to \$10,000 to augment personal savings for a down payment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Economic Development Division assisted three major new office tenants, ION America, Palm and Blue Coat, occupy more than 300,000 square feet of vacant office space. In addition, Network Appliance announced plans to add 822,000 square feet of office to its Moffett Park campus over the next five to seven years.■ The Economic Development Division’s current focus on retail business paid off in fiscal year 2004/05 with decisions by Circuit City, Best Buy, PetSmart, Smart & Final, Kelly Moore Paint and Lowes Home Improvement Center to locate in Sunnyvale. This amounts to 215,000 square feet of new shopping for		<p>Sunnyvale residents and well over \$1 million of new sales tax revenue for the City.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The redevelopment of Town Center Mall represents an even more significant increase in shopping opportunities for Sunnyvale residents and sales tax revenue – approximately \$2 million per year – for the City. Demolition of the old mall has begun.■ The successful and popular Neighborhood Enhancement program – a partnership between the City and the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association to improve the overall appearance, safety and property value through community involvement, education and assistance – began its third year in fiscal year 2004/05.	
Year In Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The building division processed more than 4,000 building permits in the last fiscal year, with construction inspections up 63 percent since fiscal year 2002/03. Nearly 90 percent of the building permits were issued over-the-counter, of the remaining permits for more complex construction, 91 percent were reviewed within 21 days. The division completed 98 percent of all construction inspections on schedule, nearly all on the next day after request.■ The City’s E-OneStop system, which allows applicants to obtain permits and schedule inspections online, won the coveted James C. Howland Award in 2004 from the National League of Cities.■ The Planning Division was also extremely active over the past year, processing 1,150 land-use permit applications. A total of 670 new housing units were approved, a dramatic increase from only 47 new units in fiscal year 2001/02.■ The Planning Division entered into a joint study with the Sunnyvale School District to project long-range classroom needs, including the potential need for one new middle school and one additional elementary school over the next 20 years.■ The City’s below market rate (BMR) housing program now requires 10 percent of new rental units and 12.5 percent of new for-sale housing units be reserved by developers for low- and moderate-income households. The Housing and Human Services		<p>Division processed 28 new BMR units last year, up significantly from an average of five units per year over the past four years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The Housing and Human Services Division also designed a first-time homebuyer assistance program, adopted by Council in April. Under this program, lower-income households may apply for down-payment assistance			

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER (OCM)

Year In Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ State and local financial conditions – as well as the need to address an annual gap of approximately \$15 million between ongoing City revenues and expenses – resulted in a new budget review process for City Council, and a reduction in service delivery and expenses across all City Departments.■ All City administrative policies – governing everything from technology to personnel and general management – were reviewed. This work, including policy revisions where warranted, is expected to be completed prior to the end of December. A similar effort is underway to review and identify necessary revisions to the City’s legislative policies.■ The City is proud to employ a nationally-recognized planning and management system. While		At A Glance <p>The Office of the City Manager (OCM) oversees the general administration of all City departments and provides support to City Council and boards and commissions. In addition, the department provides community outreach, public information, volunteer opportunities and child care assistance. OCM also operates the Columbia Neighborhood Center, supporting families and the community in the north Sunnyvale area by providing recreation, education, health and social services.</p>		<p>this system has served the City well, the basic framework of that system is now decades old. This past year staff began an assessment of its components with an eye toward making improvements wherever possible. This is also expected to be completed by the end of 2005.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ The City brought on board this past year a new City Attorney, Assistant City Manager, Director of Human Resources, Director of Libraries, and Director of Parks		<p>and Recreation, all of whom play key roles in keeping the City running smoothly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Held focus groups with various community groups to identify areas for improvement on the City’s Web site.■ Hosted a public workshop to provide Council with specific feedback from community members about the importance of community engagement in Sunnyvale, and the appropriate role, if any, for city government.	
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LIBRARY (LIB)

At A Glance

Sunnyvale Library services include a diverse collection of materials to meet the needs and interests of the community, including: access to special online resources via the Library’s Web site, experienced, knowledgeable staff available to help with visitor questions literary and cultural programs, specialized patent research to help inventors, innovators and companies, access to multiple library inventories, and children’s reference and programs

Year In Review:

- Library usage continues to grow, with more than three-quarters of a million visitors and 1.8 million items borrowed from the Library last year. That’s the equivalent of every resident of Sunnyvale coming to the Library five to six times and checking out a total of 5,000 books per day.
- Deborah Barrow, became the Library’s new director. One of her first challenges was to develop a plan for creating a vision for the Sunnyvale Library of the Future.
- Record numbers attended local author Khalid Hosseini’s talk about his book, *The Kite Runner*. Other highly successful programs included a book talk by Chitra

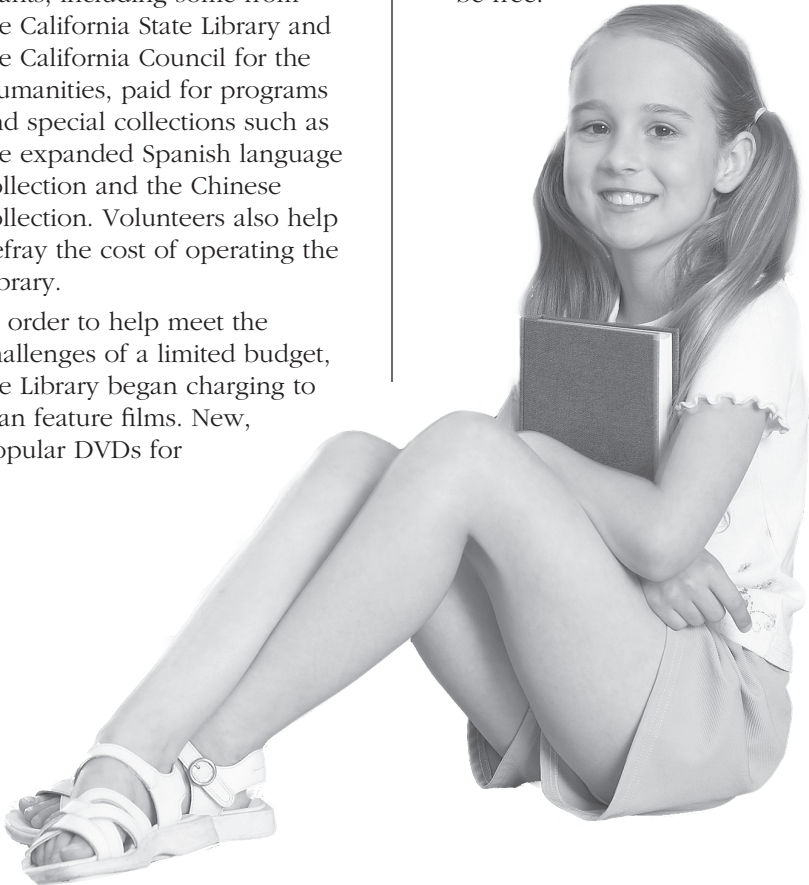
Divakuruni and Opera San Jose’s preview of their new season.

- A collection of downloadable electronic books was introduced through cooperation with other area libraries and the Silicon Valley Library System.
- Sci[i]³, the Sunnyvale patent Library and center for ideas and inventions, remained open and a part of the Sunnyvale Public Library for another year. Council has requested staff work out a possible transition from the Library to another facility, if approved by the Untied States Patent Office.
- The Library leveraged its dollars through donations and grants. The Friends of the Library

gave Sunnyvale Public Library more than \$50,000 to help the summer reading program and other programs. A number of grants, including some from the California State Library and the California Council for the Humanities, paid for programs and special collections such as the expanded Spanish language collection and the Chinese collection. Volunteers also help defray the cost of operating the Library.

- In order to help meet the challenges of a limited budget, the Library began charging to loan feature films. New, popular DVDs for

example, were a bargain at the Library for \$1.50 for a three-day loan. Informational, instructional videos and DVDs continued to be free.



PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS)

Year In Review

- Last year, DPS handled nearly 90,000 calls for service for police assistance, and 7,158 fire and medical calls.
- The violent crime rate was down six percent last year compared to the previous year. Property crimes were also down by two percent, as was the total crime rate. Part of the reason for this reduction in crime rates is Public Safety’s proactive approach to addressing crime.
- Working cooperatively, the members of DPS continually strive to strengthen our ties in the Community via our extensive outreach and public education programs. The Crime Prevention

Unit, Office of Emergency Services, and Animal Control Unit regularly attend business, school and community meetings and events in order to educate the public about safety topics that are of interest to residents, students, and business owners.

- DPS also benefits from the services of volunteers who assist in every work group within DPS. This arrangement is mutually beneficial. DPS gains a rich resource of time and talent from volunteers, including students and retirees, and the volunteers have the opportunity to see their DPS Department at work.
- In the coming months, the City will continue focusing on core service delivery in police, fire,

At-A-Glance

The City of Sunnyvale’s Department of Public Safety (DPS) is one of the few cities in the nation to have fully integrated police and fire services within the same department, with 223 sworn officers and 63 support staff.

DPS is comprised of various units, including Police, Fire, Crime Prevention, Office of Emergency Services, Technical Services, Dispatch, Administration, Internal Affairs, EMS and Personnel Training, and Animal Control.

The City has maintained its ranking as one of the top 10 cities with more than 100,000 for both low crime rate and low fire loss. Sunnyvale provides essential and quality services for less cost than other agencies serving similarly sized communities.

and emergency medical services. DPS is working hard to lower response times through the use of technology and is striving to form new partnerships in the community.

- The department is working with schools and neighborhoods on areas of mutual interest. The goal is to provide services that will ensure Sunnyvale remains a safe community to live and work.

PARKS AND RECREATION (DPR)

At A Glance

Sunnyvale’s Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) promotes the physical, mental and social well-being of the community through art, recreational services and facilities, parks and open spaces.

Lakewood Park in August 2004. Within minutes of opening the new waterplay area and mini-skatepark, children were running through the waterplay features.

- Ortega Park was also renovated last year, adding significant new elements to the playgrounds including our first-ever climbing wall apparatus – a huge success with the older kids who had frequently complained of a lack

of challenging and interesting structures for their age group.

- Construction of a golf cart storage building and golf cart wash station at the Sunnyvale Golf Course was completed in August 2004.
- In cooperation with the Audubon Society, Sunnyvale has incorporated some “no-mow”

See Parks and Recreation, page 12

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (ITD)

Year In Review

Over the past year, ITD has been involved in numerous major City projects.

- Upgraded the City’s network infrastructure to support increased Internet traffic and increasing number of software applications used by City staff.
- Began negotiations with Comcast for the renewal of the City’s cable television services franchise agreement.
- Entered into a non-exclusive franchise agreement with MetroFi,

a wireless broadband Internet provider.

- Worked with the Parks and Recreation Department to select an automated point of sale and tee reservations system at the City’s golf courses.
- Also began implementation of web-based system that allows for online registration for City recreation classes.
- Worked with the Library to implement a new Library catalog system.

At A Glance

The City of Sunnyvale’s Information Technology Department (ITD) helps ensure that the right technology is purchased and implemented at the right price. ITD provides and maintains systems and equipment 24-hours-a-day, including radio communications, and emergency communications equipment used by Public Safety. ITD provides support for more than 1,700 pieces of desktop computing and communications equipment and hundreds of pieces of electronic office equipment.

- Worked with the CDD to enable City staff to do onsite permit inspections using handheld devices. These devices allow

access to important records and information in the field, saving time for both staff applicants.

FINANCE (FIN)

Year In Review

- More than \$125,000 was recovered by conducting audits of major revenue sources to verify that tax was correctly allocated.
- The City realized more than a quarter-million dollars in cost savings by obtaining competitive pricing for purchased goods.
- The department rolled out a new user-friendly utility bill that

includes larger and clearer type for easier reading, a one-year graph of water consumption and an account summary. Utility billing staff also successfully collected 99 percent of qualifying delinquent receivables, and read 184,000 meters with a 99 percent accuracy rate.

- Interest earnings for all City funds totaled \$6.4 million, and the City portfolio achieved an average

At A Glance

The Sunnyvale Department of Finance provides a full range of internal and external fiscal management services through six separate divisions: Accounting, Financial Reporting and Employee Payroll; Budget Management; Financial Management and Analysis; Procurement Management; Treasury and Cash Management; and Utility Billing, Collection and Revenue Management.

- rate of return of 3.15 percent, which outpaced the average yield of U.S. Treasury securities by 0.48 percent.
- A new budgeting process was implemented for the City Council to intensively review services and service levels on a regular

basis. One-eighth of all operating programs will be analyzed each year. This intensive review also informs the Council and general public more completely about City services and encourages earlier involvement in the budget development process.

PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)

At A Glance

The Department of Public Works constructs, maintains and improves the City infrastructure through the application of timely, cost-effective and quality services to the citizens and businesses in Sunnyvale. Among the department’s responsibilities are traffic and transportation planning, pavement operations, street tree maintenance, median landscaping, concrete maintenance, administration, engineering, water supply and distribution, sewer and stormwater collection and treatment, solid waste disposal, and fleet services.

Year In Review

- For the second year in a row, the City used goats to “mow” the grass at the Sunnyvale landfill. The goats are remarkably effective and efficient, minimizing fire danger without damaging the surrounding wildlife habitat or the environmental control devices on the landfill.
- The City expanded an existing agreement with 3Phases Energy to sell excess power from its Power Generation Facility (PGF), located at the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP). The agreement increases revenue to the City by \$50,000 over 3½ years.
- The City extended its contract with its trash and recycling vendor, Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling, through 2018. The contract had been scheduled to

expire in 2011. The extended contract enhances customer service and increases the efficiency and safety of collection activities.

- In cooperation with Audubon Society, weekly birding tours at the landfill began in November 2004. Tours are led by Audubon volunteers and have been quite popular. After a summer hiatus, tours resumed this September.
- The City secured \$3.2 million in federal, state and regional grants for transportation projects
- The Division of Transportation and Traffic installed new systems that will reduce delays at intersections by allowing traffic signal timing to adapt to current traffic conditions. The systems will also allow staff to adjust signal timing in response to accidents and other traffic

- problems. The new systems were installed along Wolfe Road, Homestead Road and Evelyn Avenue.
- Bikeways and bike lanes were constructed a number of City streets, including the construction of “sharrows” or shared bicycle/ car lanes.
- Significant neighborhood and traffic studies were completed, included parking surveys of El Camino Real and north and west downtown neighborhoods, and speed attenuation on Nisqually Drive.
- Underground storage tanks and fueling facilities were retrofitted to the latest standards.
- The City received a \$224,000 grant from BAAQMD to retrofit 28 diesel trucks with filters designed to reduce harmful byproducts of diesel combustion.
- The Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) achieved 100 percent regulatory compliance.
- A pilot project was successfully completed, demonstrating a method for removing sediment from the plant’s oxidation ponds, which are used to provide secondary water treatment.
- An emergency fill system was added to the 2-million gallon San

- Lucar recycled water reservoir, allowing the City to add water from the regular water system in the event of a loss of the recycled water manufacturing system.
- Pressure improvements were made to a portion of the water system.
- Completed the \$5.3 million construction of Plaza del Sol.
- The existing chiller, boiler and multi-zone air handling unit in City Hall were replaced last October as part of a \$637,000 capital project.
- 4,200 feet of reinforced concrete sewer pipe will be replaced along Borregas Avenue.
- The City will construct two pedestrian/bicycle bridges on Borregas Avenue across Highway 101 and across State Route 237.
- Council has approved the restriping of Wolfe Road between Homestead Road and El Camino Real for the addition of bicycle lanes in both directions.

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT (NOVA)

At A Glance

NOVA, the regional workforce development organization focuses on working with individuals to manage their careers, and with local businesses to further develop the local workforce. NOVA, a consortium of seven cities serving northern Santa Clara County, is administered by the City of Sunnyvale and is a key partner in the regional Connect! One-Stop collaborative of service organizations.

Year In Review

- This past year, nearly 2,000 job seekers were enrolled in NOVA's federally-funded programs, and more than 5,300 individuals attended a variety of employment-related workshops.
- More than 53,500 total client visits were recorded for the year, averaging more than 215 visits per day.
- In the past year, 83 businesses contacted NOVA for assistance in response to impending layoffs

- or closures, affecting more than 3,200 individuals.
- Nearly 400 youth received employment services, from résumé assistance and job referrals to subsidized work experience and internship positions; almost half of these youth were from Sunnyvale.
- NOVA participated in two job fairs.
- The annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day was held in February with more than 1,700 students spending the day at local businesses and organizations throughout Santa Clara County. NOVA co-sponsored this event with Junior Achievement.
- NOVA held the 14th annual CONNECT! Awards Luncheon, honoring eight program alumni and three outstanding community partners, including El Camino Hospital, Community Technology Alliance and the North County Literacy Alliance.
- NOVA and many community healthcare employers and training providers kicked off the Allied Health Training Initiative to address the critical demand for healthcare employees.
- NOVA received 10 grants totaling \$4.7 million from state and federal sources to provide employment services.

Additional Accomplishments

- NOVA released *The High Tech Downturn in Silicon Valley*, a cutting-edge report compiled by the SPHERE Institute in
- NOVA's services are available to any Sunnyvale resident or business seeking assistance with employment-related concerns. Visit Nova online at www.novaworks.org for additional information.

HUMAN RESOURCES (HRD)

At A Glance

The Human Resources Department (HRD) coordinates services and programs that assist City departments in developing and maintaining a qualified, effective and diverse workforce, and provides employment-related services to the City's more than 900 employees and to job applicants.

HRD services include employee recruitment, benefits coordination, employee relations, classification and compensation, and employee development. HRD also administers the City's risk management program, which handles insurance and liability claims.

Year In Review

- During the past year, HRD conducted more than 50 recruitments, including hiring new department directors. The department processed more than 3,000 job applications, hiring 11 new management employees and 35 new regular employees.
- The department completed contract negotiations with the City's largest bargaining unit, Sunnyvale Employees Association, on a new four-year contract.
- The City employee harassment policy was updated and training was conducted for all City employees.
- HRD worked to reduce the number and cost of workers compensation claims and implemented modified work programs in several departments.
- Several technology upgrades are currently being implemented, including a revised applicant tracking system and an upgraded payroll system, scheduled for implementation by the end of calendar year 2005.
- New training initiatives are being planned to assist supervisors and managers in skill development, performance management, goal setting and leadership development.

CITY ATTORNEY (OCA)

Year In Review

- The City Attorney's Office provided successful and cost-effective representation in several civil cases.
- In cooperation with the Community Development Department, the City Attorney's Office prosecuted multiple violations of the city's housing ordinance and successfully protected the City's stock of affordable housing.
- The City Attorney's Office worked closely with the City Council and city manager to write ordinances and resolutions to implement the Council's goals of insuring the City's financial stability.
- A pit bull that had attacked and seriously injured an elderly woman was removed from the neighborhood as the result of legal action taken by the City Attorney's Office.

At A Glance

The Office of the City Attorney (OCA) advises the City Council and departments on legal issues, including ordinances and resolutions, Council and staff actions, and avoiding liability. OCA represents the City in legal proceedings in state and federal courts and administrative hearings, writes and reviews legal documents, and keeps current with new legal developments affecting the City's business. For more information, call (408) 730-7464 or e-mail cityatty@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

PARKS AND RECREATION

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- areas at Sunnyvale Golf Course to create habitats for wildlife
- Revisions to the Recreation and Open Space Sub-Elements are underway. The final report is anticipated to go back to
- Commissions and City Council later this calendar year.
- New agreements were developed and approved by City Council in fall 2004 to provide priority use of recreation facilities for a variety of youth and adult organizations.
- The Sunnyvale Senior Center received recognition as a Green Business Facility from the Association of Bay Area Governments.
- Council implemented a pilot program for free park building use by non-profit groups of 20 or less participants.
- A new vendor was found to replace the previous senior lunch provider. Seniors have reported they are pleased with the quality of service.
- The summer camp program was eliminated and replaced with a daily excursion program.
- Replaced the Indoor Sports Center Gym floor and added energy efficient lighting.
- Remodeled Ponderosa, Ortega, Serra, Lakewood, Las Palmas and Fair Oaks building restrooms to meet ADA requirements.
- Participated in an energy audit completed by PG&E at the City Hall Annex building. This report recognized the City for leadership and vision in energy conservation.

SUNNYVALE RECREATION TO OFFER BHANGRA DANCE

NEW BOLLYWOOD-INSPIRED WORKOUT CLASS

Are you ready to dance Bollywood style? The City of Sunnyvale Department of Parks and Recreation is now offering a drop-in *Bhangra* dance class with Dholrhythms founder Vicki Virk.

Popularized by Bollywood movies and music videos, *Bhangra* is a lively, joyful dance style from the Punjab region of India. *Bhangra* was originally danced by farmers as they worked. Many basic steps are derived from farming activities like plowing, sowing and harvesting. The one-hour class provides a fun, intense cardio workout, as dancers

get hips shaking, arms moving and feet stomping to the infectious high bass beat of the *dhhol* drum.

The one-hour class meets Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the Sunnyvale Community Center ballroom, at 550 E. Remington Drive. The class is open to participants 13 and older.

Until November 1, the class costs \$10, or \$64 for an eight-class pass, and may be paid at the door. After November 1, the cost will increase to \$12, \$33 for a three-class pass and \$50 for a five-class pass. Passes are good for three months.

For more information about Sunnyvale’s new *Bhangra* dance class, call the performing arts coordinator at (408) 730-7725. ☎

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Sunnyvale will make reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with disabilities. If you require special accommodations, please call (408) 733-6611, TDD (408) 730-7501, at least five days in advance of the program or activity. For fee waiver assistance, call (408) 738-4321.

EVENING OF CULTURAL ARTS

The City of Sunnyvale has announced the lineup for its 15th-annual Evening of Cultural Arts Series. This series offers an eclectic selection of artists performing at the intimate Sunnyvale Theatre, located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive.

With eight culturally and musically diverse programs, the upcoming season promises audiences more variety than ever before. The mix includes cabaret classics, holiday jazz, Celtic harp, traditional songs of Eastern Europe and more.

September 10 Cabaret Singer Wesla Whitfield

Acclaimed cabaret jazz singer Wesla Whitfield opens the season with *Pure Imagination*. Whitfield wowed Sunnyvale audiences in her last appearance here in 2002.

October 22 A Voice for Latin America

Chilean-born singer-songwriter-musician Lichi Fuentes shares the spirit of the people of Latin America, performing songs in Spanish from her new CD, *Quien Soy*.

December 3 Holiday Jazz and More

Pianist Michael Wolff and Impure Thoughts bring jazz renditions of holiday favorites to the Sunnyvale Theatre. Wolff’s Christmas Moods features a syncopated jazz “Jingle Bells,” boogie-woogie “Santa Claus is Coming To Town,” and mellow “White Christmas,” among others.

January 14 Modern-day Bard Patrick Ball

Celtic harper and storyteller Patrick Ball, a perennial favorite with Sunnyvale audiences, makes his 15th consecutive annual appearance. Ball is a true bard, deftly weaving

myths and legends of Ireland with entrancing music.

February 4 “Old-Timey” Music

The San Francisco-based Crooked Jades turn back the calendar more than one hundred years, performing “old-timey” music that was the precursor to today’s country and bluegrass.

March 18 Weaving the East and West into Story

Eth-Noh-Tec, the Asian-American storytelling duo of Robert Kikuchi-Yngojo and Nancy Wang, brings its acclaimed theater piece, *Takashi’s Dream* and other tales to Sunnyvale Theatre.

April 8 Harmonies of Eastern Europe

Often requested by Sunnyvale Theatre audiences, the all-female choral group Kitka finally makes its debut in April. The eight-member ensemble specializes in centuries old Balkan and Slavic singing techniques.

May 27 Nijinsky “Tour de Force”

The season concludes with the critically acclaimed one-man show, *Nijinsky Speaks*, based on the life of Russian ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky, who scandalized the dance world in the early 1900s with his revolutionary choreography, such as “Afternoon of a Faun” and “Rite of Spring.”

All Evenings of Cultural Arts programs are Saturdays at 8 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for all shows. Individual tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$20 for students and seniors with ID. Season ticket packages start at \$80. Group sales discounts are also available. To request more information, please call the Sunnyvale Theatre at (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

RECREATION BRIEFS

Badminton, Anyone?

The newly remodeled Indoor Sports Center at the Sunnyvale Community Center 550 E. Remington Drive is available for drop-in badminton play. Individual drop-in fee is \$5 per visit.

Monday – Friday:
11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday:
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Saturday:
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.,
5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Sunday:
12:30 – 2:30 p.m.,
2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Play Golf Sunnyvale

The City of Sunnyvale offers 27 holes to the golfing public, with 18 holes at the Sunnyvale Golf Course (605 Macara Lane) and 9 holes at the Sunken Gardens Golf course (1010 S. Wolfe Road). Private and group lessons are available with PGA Class A instructors. Monthly discount cards are available.

Call (408) 738-3666, TDD (408) 730-7501, for more information.

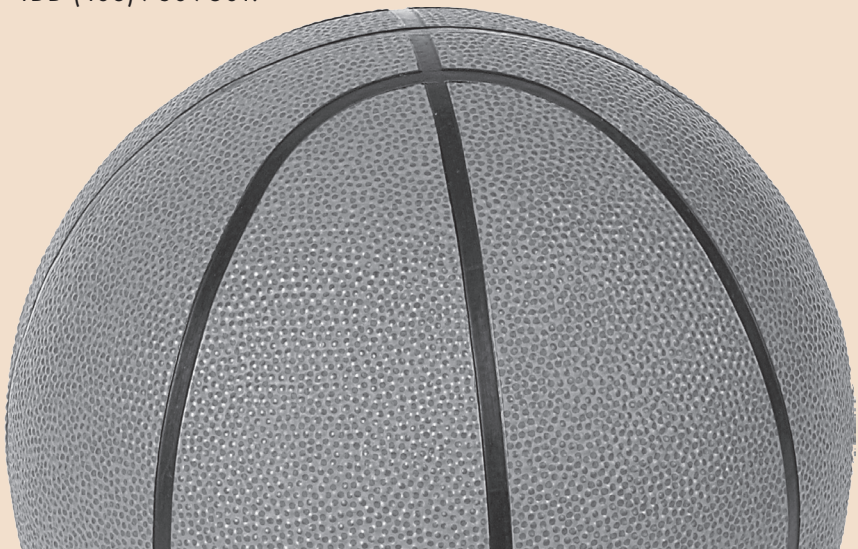
Afterschool Program a Success In Sunnyvale

Kidzone Express is an exciting after-school program for elementary-aged students. Kids engage in a variety of fun games, activities, and arts and crafts in a safe and supervised environment. A snack is provided. Flyers will go out in parent packets at the beginning of the school year with registration information. To learn more about this program, please contact Suzie Hayes at (408) 730-7523, TDD (408) 730-7501, or shayes@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

CITY OF SUNNYVALE YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

For girls and boys grades 1 through 8

The league begins January 9 and continues through March 18. Registration forms now available at the Community Center and may be submitted until January 9. For questions about the league please call (408) 730-7721, TDD (408) 730-7501.



TIME TO UPDATE YOUR FAMILY'S IMMUNIZATIONS

Summer is over, and the kids are going back to school. This is a good time to check your family's health records and make sure everyone is up to date on

their immunizations.

If you do not have a doctor or regular health care provider, you can visit a local community health clinic. Please contact the following clinics for more information. Some



clinics may ask for a small fee or donation for immunizations.

El Camino Hospital Immunization Program (at Columbia Neighborhood Center)

785 Morse Ave.,
Tuesdays, 12:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
(408) 523-8150 or (650) 988-7652
Walk-in clinic

MayView Community Health Center (at Columbia Neighborhood Center)

785 Morse Ave., Sunnyvale 94085
Mondays 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.,
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.,
Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
(408) 523-8150

Appointments encouraged

Valley Medical Center (at Fair Oaks Clinic)

660 S. Fair Oaks Ave.,
Mondays, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
(888) 334-1000
Walk-in clinic ☺

RELOCATION OF SENIOR ADULTS LEGAL ASSISTANCE IN SUNNYVALE

Senior Adults Legal Assistance (SALA), previously housed at the Sunnyvale Senior Center, has formed a partnership with Sunnyvale Community Services, a non-profit emergency assistance agency. SALA's services are still available to Sunnyvale seniors through appointments at Sunnyvale Community Services, 725 Kifer Road. To make an appointment, call (408) 738-4321.

SALA is a non-profit law office that provides a wide range of legal services from simple counseling and referrals, to complete legal representation. They also focus on other types of legal matters such as public benefits, elder abuse, consumer issues, long-term care, housing, incapacity planning, probate alternatives and simple wills. SALA attorneys are also available to make home visits to institutionalized and homebound seniors in Sunnyvale. Contact SALA's central office at (408) 295-5991.

NEIGHBORHOOD GRANT PROGRAM FUNDED

The City of Sunnyvale has begun to develop a neighborhood grant program. Staff will develop the framework for the grant program – including grant criteria – this fall for Council to review as part of the City Manager's recommended budget for fiscal year 2006/07. There will be opportunities for community input as City staff develops proposed criteria for the neighborhood grants program. If you have any questions about the program or about the City's neighborhood associations, please contact the community outreach coordinator at (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. You can also visit neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITY

You're invited to take advantage of the following resources to get better connected with Sunnyvale City Hall and your community:

Community Line

Call (408) 730-7515 for current listings of community meetings and events, or to leave questions or feedback for City staff. Community Line is updated weekly, and messages are checked daily to ensure that your questions are responded to in a timely fashion.

Community Events Calendar

Visit events.inSunnyvale.com for the most up-to-date information on meetings and events.

Community E-News

Sign up to receive monthly e-mails with the latest information on upcoming community meetings and events. E-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us to subscribe.

Community Liaison Office

Need help with City services and aren't sure whom to call? Are you having trouble resolving a City-related issue? The Community Liaison can help! Call (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

For more information visit www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources and click on *Neighborhood and Community Services*. ☺

EL CAMINO HOSPITAL INCREASES OUTREACH IN SUNNYVALE

For more than half a century, El Camino Hospital has been considered Sunnyvale’s community hospital. Sunnyvale voters approved the formation of the El Camino Hospital District in 1957, voted in 1959 for a bond measure to build the hospital and

again in 2003 for the \$148 million Measure D which will help fund the construction of a new earthquake-safe hospital. Today, Sunnyvale residents make up at least one-third of the hospital’s patients. The hospital’s “Wally Koala” van currently provides free immunization services to Sunnyvale residents

at mobile home parks, schools, homeless shelters and the Columbia Neighborhood Center. Now, the hospital is partnering with the City to bring several of its community outreach programs into Sunnyvale. Beginning this fall, the hospital will hold several wellness lectures in the Sunnyvale City Council Chambers. These lectures, which feature El Camino Hospital medical staff speaking on various health topics, are free and open to the public. (See sidebar) A number of the hospital’s health screenings are also planned for Sunnyvale locations. For more information about services offered at El Camino Hospital, call (800) 216-5556. ☎

HEALTH PRESENTATION SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2005

October 5, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
New Therapies in Breast Cancer Treatment: Cancer Services at El Camino Hospital, Advanced Care Close to Home
Presenter: Dr. Irene Wu, Oncologist
To register, call (800) 216-5556.

October 26, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Spinal Smarts: Managing Back Pain
(Part of Camino Medical Group’s *For Your Health* Series)
Presenter: Dr. Rajan Perkash, board certified physical medicine and rehabilitation physician with Camino Medical Group and an adjunct clinical instructor at Stanford University School of Medicine
To register, call (408) 523-3295.

November 2, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Joint Replacement
Presenter: Dr. Bernardo Ferrari
To register, call (800) 216-5556.

December 8, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Senior Care Options
Presenter: Robbie Smith, Eldercare Consultant
To register, call (800) 216-5556.

For more information on the Community Health and Wellness lecture series, call (800) 216-5556. For more information about the *For Your Health* series, call (408) 523-3295.

START A NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TODAY

One of the easiest ways to get to know your neighbors, or become more active in your community is by joining a neighborhood association. But what if there’s no association where you live? The City of Sunnyvale makes it easy to start your own neighborhood association. There isn’t even a minimum number of houses needed to start one. Visit neighborhoods.inSunnyvale.com to download an information packet and get started today. If you would prefer to have a information packet mailed to you, call (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us.

**For All City Services, TDD Access
(408) 730-7501**

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See it on KSUN-15

City Council Meetings
Live, Tuesdays at 7 p.m., and again at 12:01 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays and 4 p.m. Sundays.

Planning Commission Meetings
Live, second and fourth Mondays at 8 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. Thursdays and 11 a.m. Sundays.

CHILD CARE PROVIDER WISH LIST

Donate toys, books, high chairs, strollers or other items to a Sunnyvale child care provider. View the City’s child care provider wish list online by visiting www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/communityresources, and clicking on Child Care Resources.

HISTORY ALMOST READY TO COME ALIVE

All that stands in the way of getting artifacts from Sunnyvale's beginnings out of storage and into a museum is \$200,000. The Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association is

in its final fundraising stretch before it breaks ground on the community museum planned for Orchard Heritage Park.

The society has already raised \$1.4 million over the past three years through fundraising, donations and grants.

To raise enough cash to begin construction, the society is offering donors a chance to leave a lasting memento of their support. Donors will be able to have names, messages or symbols engraved on bricks or tiles. The bricks and tiles will be located in a plaza near the new museum's entrance. The society has already raised more than \$26,000 through this program.

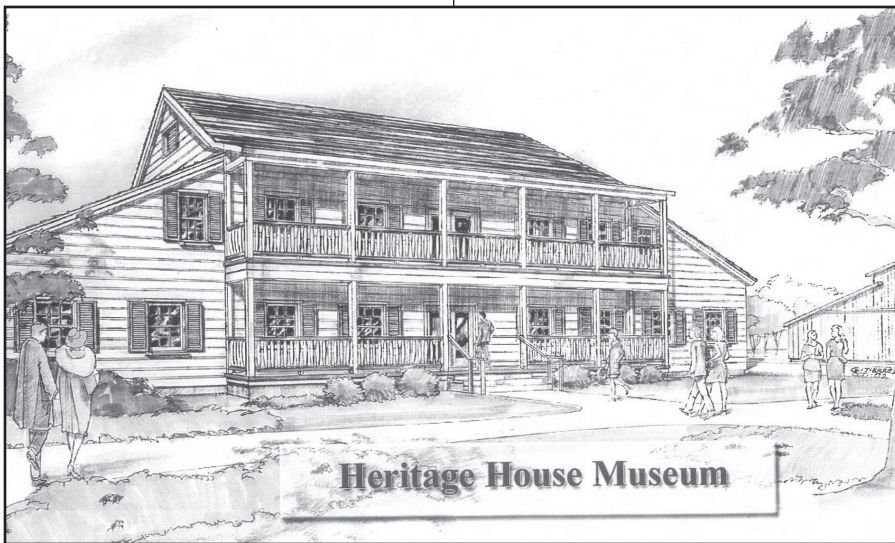
The Sunnyvale City Council has pledged \$500,000 toward the estimated \$1.6 million project and has donated land at the 10-acre park at the Community Center camps on Remington Ave. The museum will be

operated by the Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association, a nonprofit organization.

The Museum will be a near replica of the Murphy family home. The Murphy family was among the original settlers in Santa Clara Valley and founded the town of Murphy Station, later renamed Sunnyvale. The original home was destroyed by a fire in 1961.

The new community facility will showcase the city's colorful memorabilia, which have been tucked away in storage due to lack of space. The museum will feature an exhibit hall, classroom space and four period rooms decorated with Murphy family furnishings taken from the original family home.

For more information on the museum or the engraved bricks and tiles, contact Laura Babcock at (408) 736-4713 or visit www.heritageparkmuseum.org.



GRAFFITI and ABANDONDED SHOPPING CARTS

H O T L I N E
(408) 730-7680



COMMUNITY GARDENS

The Department of Parks and Recreation is exploring possible sites to develop community gardens in Sunnyvale. The Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council will address this topic in public meetings tentatively planned for November and December 2005.

For more information, or to be added to a contact list for specific dates of public meetings, please call (408) 730-7506, TDD (408) 730-7501.

IN SUNNYVALE, CHRISTMAS STARTS DECEMBER 6

Each year, Sunnyvale Community Services (SCS) brightens the holidays for 1,200 low-income Sunnyvale families. Rather than distribute pre-packaged handouts, volunteers transform the SCS building into a fully decorated food and gift store. Pre-qualified families can select a two-week supply of food, new gifts for infants through teens and a gift for every household, including towels, blankets and basic kitchen items.

In order to accommodate three to four families every 15 minutes, the Community Christmas Center will open December 6 and operate six days a week through December 20. Gifts and food are distributed after December 20, but not in the decorated store setting.

Many Sunnyvale residents drop off toys and gifts at local fire stations for SCS to pick up. To decrease expenses and to help SCS plan the most equitable distribution, please bring your donations as early in December as possible either to fire stations or directly to SCS at 725 Kifer Road, between Fair Oaks and Wolfe Avenues. Needed most are gifts for boys ages 7 – 12 and teens, as well as household gifts. The *Donate* page on SCS' Web site, www.svcommunityservices.org, lists gift suggestions.

SCS will host an open house, Sunday, December 4 from noon to 4 p.m. and again Monday, December 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to show how donations are distributed. For more information, call SCS at (408) 738-4321.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING INFORMATION

The City of Sunnyvale offers the following services and resources to help businesses recycle:

- Commercial Recycling Resources List: Visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org (click on Businesses) for a list of recycling service providers.
- Cardboard Recycling Service: Call Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling, (408) 566-1804, to request cardboard recycling service. A bin rental fee of \$7.90 per month will apply. Participating businesses must generate at least two cubic yards of cardboard each week.
- Desktop Paper Recycling Containers: The City can provide up to 200 desktop recycling containers (at no additional charge) to support your business office paper recycling program.
- Waste Assessments and Technical Assistance: The City can conduct a waste assessment at your site which includes written recycling recommendations and a cost savings analysis.

For more information or assistance with business recycling, please call Julie Benabente at (408) 730-7484, TDD (408) 730-7501, e-mail jbenabente@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us, or visit www.sunnyvalerecycles.org.

DECADENT DINNERS STICK TO YOUR RIBS AND YOUR PIPES

PROPERLY DISPOSING OF FAT, OIL AND GREASE.

Southern-style fried chicken. Onions sautéed in butter or oil. Taco fiestas and delicious curries. They're all mouth-watering feasts, but you may be surprised to learn that they can also be hazardous to the health of your home's plumbing system. Pouring the remains of these culinary delights into a drain or garbage disposal can cause costly, unpleasant sewer blockages and overflows.

What happens is simple: fats, oil and grease from food build up in pipes by sticking to the sides of the pipe, roots, or cracks in the sewer. Over time, the build-up can block an entire pipe. Using commercial products such as detergents that claim to dissolve grease may simply pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

On average, one in 60 homes in the Bay Area is affected by a blockage in their plumbing or in the main lines of the public sewer system every year. These blockages can cause overflow into homes. Besides the mess and unpleasant odor, untreated sewage can cause health hazards and threaten the environment. Overflows of sanitary waste into a storm drain may reach our local creeks and Bay, contaminating the water and impacting plant, fish and wildlife. Sanitary sewer overflows also require expensive cleanup and plumbing repairs.

For more information about how to prevent fat, oil and grease from damaging the sanitary sewer and the environment, call the City of Sunnyvale Environmental Division at (408) 730-2761, TDD (408) 730-7501. ☎

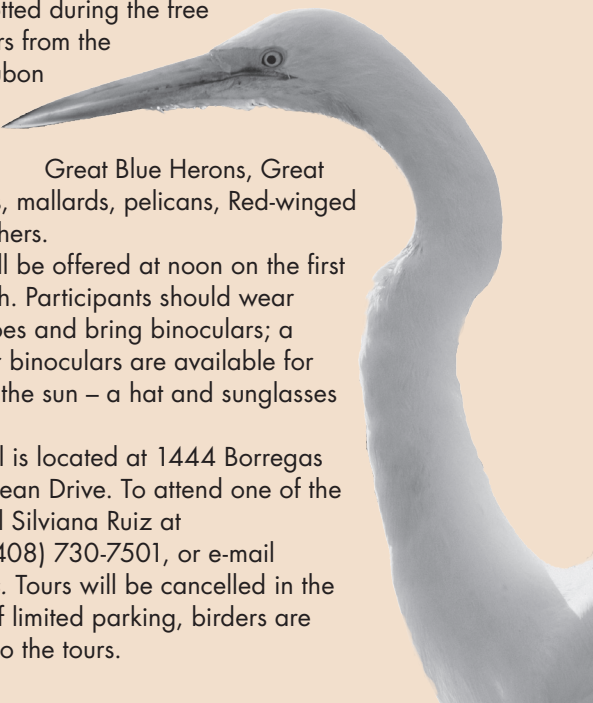
BIRDING RETURNS TO THE SUNNYVALE LANDFILL

Birding, the art and sport of bird watching, has returned to the Sunnyvale landfill. The Wednesday programs, which began last October, have proven to be immensely popular.

The Sunnyvale landfill is home to a variety of wildlife and many different species are typically spotted during the free one-hour tours. Volunteers from the Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society will conduct the tours. Frequent visitors to the landfill include Great Blue Herons, Great Egrets, Red-tailed Hawks, mallards, pelicans, Red-winged Black Birds and many others.

Once again, tours will be offered at noon on the first Wednesday of the month. Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring binoculars; a limited number of loaner binoculars are available for the tour. Protection from the sun – a hat and sunglasses – is also recommended.

The Sunnyvale landfill is located at 1444 Borregas Avenue, north of Caribbean Drive. To attend one of the birding tours, please call Silviana Ruiz at (408) 730-7545, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail sruiz@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. Tours will be cancelled in the event of rain. Because of limited parking, birders are encouraged to carpool to the tours.



RECREATION AT THE SUNNYVALE LANDFILL

The Sunnyvale landfill, located in north Sunnyvale, is open to the public for a variety of recreational activities such as bird watching, walking, jogging, bicycling, photographing wildlife and on-leash dog walking. To help maintain a safe and fun environment for everyone at the landfill, please follow basic recreation etiquette.

Stay on designated roads: Trail

blazing causes erosion to the landfill cover, is harmful to nesting wildlife and is an unsafe practice.

Be courteous to others: Keep your dog on a leash no longer than six feet and pick up after it, as required by city code. Off-leash dogs pose a serious threat to wildlife and may create an uncomfortable environment for other users.

No Smoking: Smoking poses a fire hazard and could create an explosion of landfill gases.

The Sunnyvale landfill is a great place to enjoy the outdoors, but we ask you to be responsible and extend courtesy to others, protecting wildlife and avoiding damage to the landfill's engineered clay cover.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact Silviana Ruiz, landfill technician, at (408) 730-7545, TDD (408) 730-7501, or e-mail sruiz@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us. ☎

CHECK OUT THE KSUN-15 BULLETIN BOARD

24 hours a day, except during scheduled programming



COMING UP ON KSUN-15

A new series from the City of Sunnyvale and Camino Menlo Park

FOR YOUR HEALTH

The Marriage of Alternative and Traditional Medicine, by Ravin Agah, M.D., Ph.D.

- Monday, May 30: 7:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 1: 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
- Friday, June 3: 9 a.m., 1 p.m.
- Saturday, June 4: 7 p.m.


 


IN THE COMMUNITY COMMUNITY LINE

Get information about upcoming events or leave questions or feedback for City staff.

Updated weekly.

Call (408) 730-7515






SUNNYVALE CITY COUNCIL

CANDIDATE FORUM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11

Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

Sponsored by the League of Women Voters



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<p>October 1 – December 31, 2005 Community Calendar also available online: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/events</p> <p>City Holidays</p> <p>November 24 City Offices Closed (in observance of Thanksgiving)</p> <p>November 25 City Offices Closed (in observance of Thanksgiving)</p> <p>December 23 City Offices Closed (in observance of Christmas Eve)</p> <p>December 24 City Offices Closed (in observance of Christmas)</p> <p>December 30 City Offices Closed (in observance of New Year's Eve)</p> <p>Recurring Meetings and Events</p> <p>City Meetings</p> <p>City Council: Meets most Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W Olive Ave.</p> <p>Arts Commission: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Ave.</p> <p>Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee: Meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., West Conference</p> <p>Board of Building Code Appeals: Meetings are held only when necessary. For more information call (408) 730-7444.</p> <p>Board of Library Trustees: Meets on the first Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Child Care Advisory Board: Meets on the second Tuesday of each quarter, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Heritage Preservation Commission: Meets on the first Wednesday of every other month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 West Olive Ave.</p> <p>Housing and Human Services Commission: Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Parks and Recreation Commission: Meets on the second Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Personnel Board: Meets on the third Monday of the month, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Planning Commission: Meets on the second and fourth Monday of the month, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>Community Meetings and Events</p> <p>American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Monthly Meeting: 12:15 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. For more information contact Lu Zentner, (408) 481-0890 or ez611@comcast.net.</p> <p>Business Mixer, 5 p.m., evening networking events held every fourth Thursday of the month. For more information or to make a reservation contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971</p> <p>Farmer's Market, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., S. Murphy Ave. between Washington & Evelyn Avenues. For more information call (510) 745-7100 or visit http://www.urbanvillageonline.com/sunnyvale/index.html</p> <p>Fair Oaks Toastmasters, 11:30 a.m., Fair Oaks West Club, 655 S. Fair Oaks Avenue. For more information contact Hanh Chau, (408) 251-2521, hchau1@aol.com or visit http://geocities.com/fairoakstoastmasters .</p> <p>Glaucoma Support Group Of The South Bay, 6:30 p.m., meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. Camino Medical Group Urgent Care Center; Conference Room #2, 201 Old San Francisco Road. For more information contact Sally Twestens, Health Education Department, Camino Medical Group, (408) 523-3221 or Chris Saleh, Moderator/Founder, (408) 404-8479</p> <p>Impressions Scrapbooking & Crafts, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Sunnyvale Adventist Church Fellowship Hall, 653 W. Fremont Ave. For more information contact Shannon Fiorello, (408) 782-0105, cropalong@botmail.com or Shannon Andres, (408) 245-5634, cmheartsong@botmail.com.</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Rd), 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., Held on the third Saturday of every month (except</p>	<p>December). For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>Kiwanis Club of Silicon Valley Weekly Meeting: 7:20 a.m., Lookout Inn, 605 Macara Ave., (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information contact Bruce Carlson, (408) 774-0609 or bruce@carlsonfun.com.</p> <p>Kiwanis Club of Sunnyvale Meeting: 12:15 p.m., Lookout Bar and Grill, 605 Macara Road (Sunnyvale Golf Course). For more information contact: Dr. Terry Irish, (408) 736-2450, sunnyvaleazchurch@sbcbglob.al.net, or Maureen Coghlan, (408) 971-3047 or maureen.e.coghlan@lmco.com.</p> <p>Wake-Up Sunnyvale, Monthly networking breakfasts held every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 a.m. For more information or to make a reservation please contact the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce, (408) 736-4971.</p> <p>Neighborhood Association Meetings</p> <p>Heritage District Neighborhood Association Meetings All meetings held at 7:30 p.m. at the Murphy Park Building, 260 N. Sunnyvale Ave. For more information, please call Tom Carrig at (408) 736-6147.</p> <p>Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings All meetings held at 7 p.m. at Fairwood School or Lakewood School – please visit the Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association web site for locations at www.lvma.net. For more information, please e-mail Phyllis Murphy at sbts2@aol.com</p> <p>San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings All meetings held at 7 p.m. at San Miguel School Teachers' Lounge, 777 San Miguel Ave. For more information, please call Tara Martin-Milius at (408) 733-5778.</p> <p>SNAIL (Sunnyvale Neighbors of Arbor Including La Linda) Meets the first Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., Columbia Middle School Teacher's Lounge, 739 Morse Ave. For more information contact Elaine Rowan, (408) 749-1846.</p> <p>Classes and Programs</p> <p>Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center – Arboretum, 10 a.m. – noon. Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before. For more information, call the Recycling Program at (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>October</p> <p>October 1 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Sunnyvale Public Safety 7th Annual Pancake Breakfast 8 a.m. – 11 a.m., Fire Station 2, 795 E. Arques Ave. Meet Sunnyvale public safety officers, tour the fire station, see K-9 demonstrations and more. For more information please call (408) 730-7140, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>October 1 – 2 Extra Dump Weekend, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No charge for Sunnyvale residents, restrictions apply. For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>October 1 – 8 California Theater Center presents <i>The Sleeping Beauty</i>. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org</p> <p>October 1 - 9 Sunnyvale Community Players presents <i>The Sound Of Music</i>. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org.</p> <p>October 3 Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 3 - October 28 Fall Cleanup – Extra Garbage pickup on regularly scheduled pickup days. To schedule a large item pickup or for more information call (408) 730-7415.</p> <p>October 4 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 8 Farmer's Market. 9 a.m.</p> <p>Compost Workshop, Sunnyvale Community Center – Arboretum, October a.m.</p>	<p>October 8 – October 9 Extra Dump Weekend, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. No charge for Sunnyvale residents, restrictions apply. For more information call (408) 730-7262, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>October 10 Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 11 No Council Meeting Scheduled</p> <p>October 11 – 22 California Theater Center presents <i>Rapunzel and The Witch</i>. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org</p> <p>October 12 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 15 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p> <p>October 17 Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 18 City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 19 Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 West Olive Ave.</p> <p>7th Annual Family Fun Night at Columbia Neighborhood Center, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Neighborhood Center Gym (next to Columbia Middle School), 785 Morse Ave. For more information call (408) 523-8150.</p> <p>October 20 Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 22 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p> <p>An Evening of Cultural Arts presents <i>Songs in Spanish</i>, Lichi Fuentes, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets (408) 733-6611.</p> <p>October 22 Make a Difference Day, Call for time and location. Last year, Sunnyvale community members joined more than three million people worldwide to volunteer on Make a Difference Day. If you have an idea for a project or would get to get connected with an existing project, contact Volunteer Resources, (408) 730-7533, TDD (408) 730-7501.</p> <p>October 24 Sunnyvale Neighborhood Associations Fall Quarterly Meeting, 7 p.m., Sunnyvale Senior Center, Sequoia Room, This is a great opportunity for neighborhood association officers to get together and share ideas, and for interested community members to learn more about the benefits of starting a neighborhood association. Everyone is welcome. To R.S.V.P or for more information, contact Michelle Bromstead, community outreach coordinator, (408) 730-7472, TDD (408) 730-7501 or mbromstead@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us .</p> <p>Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 25 Child Care Advisory Board (CCAB) Meeting, 11:30 a.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 26 Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.</p> <p>October 26 – November 10 California Theater Center presents <i>Dear Mr. Hensbaw</i>. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org</p> <p>October 28 – November 20 Sunnyvale Community Players presents <i>City of Angels</i>. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 733-6611 or visit www.sunnyvaleplayers.org</p> <p>October 29 Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.</p>
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November

November 1
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m.,
Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 2
Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 5
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

November 7
Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 8
Election Day

No Council Meeting Scheduled

November 9
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 12
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

November 12 – 22
California Theater Center presents *Frog and Toad*. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org

November 14
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 15
City Council Meeting – 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 16
Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 17
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 19
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

November 21
Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 22
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 23
Housing and Human Services Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 24 – November 25
Thanksgiving Trash and Recycling Collection Schedule
Regular Thursday pickup will be on Friday, November 25
Regular Friday pickup will be on Saturday, November 26

November 26
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

November 28
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

November 28 – December 3
California Theater Center presents *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org

November 29
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December

December 3
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

An Evening of Cultural Arts presents *Holiday Jazz and More*, Michael Wolff and Impure Thoughts, 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets (408) 733-6611.

December 5
Board of Library Trustees Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December 5 – 16
California Theater Center presents *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. For more information or to purchase tickets call (408) 245-2978 or visit www.ctcinc.org

December 6
No Council Meeting Scheduled

December 10
Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

Sunnyvale Singers – Winter Concert, 8 p.m. For more information to purchase tickets call (408) 369-1877.

December 12
Planning Commission Meeting, 8 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December 13
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December 14
Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December 15
Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) Meeting, 6:30 p.m., West Conference Room, 456 West Olive Ave.

December 17
Farmer's Market, Farmer's Market, 9 a.m.

December 19
Personnel Board Meeting, 5 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December 20
City Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December 21
Arts Commission Meeting, 7 p.m., Council Chambers, 456 W. Olive Ave.

December 27
No Council Meeting Scheduled

Christmas and New Year Trash and Recycling Collection Schedules
Holidays fall on weekends. No change in residential collection days.

Ongoing Events

Fun On The Run
City of Sunnyvale's Mobile Activities Program. For more information contact: Suzie Hayes, Recreation Coordinator, (408) 730-7523 or sbayes@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us .

Lakewood Village Neighborhood Association Meetings
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San Miguel Neighbors Association Meetings
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Family and Child Network Provider Meetings
Meets on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information contact IrisAnn Nelson, (408) 733-4828 or Bobbie Martin, (408) 746-0336.

Water Pollution Plant Tours
Sign up for a tour of the Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant! To schedule a tour or for more information call (408) 730-7717.

Community Calendar Online
events.inSunnyvale.com

Sunnyvale Senior Center

Swing and Sway Dances
Wednesday, October 12
The Bob Gutierrez Band

Wednesday, November 9
The Nob Hill Sounds

Wednesday, December 14
The Bob Gutierrez Band

Oktoberfest
Friday, October 14, 2005
Orchard Pavilion
Noon – 1:30p.m.
\$10 for members / \$12 for non-members

Flu Shots
Orchard Pavilion, Apricot and Cherry Rooms
Coming this fall. Call for dates and times. \$15

Thanksgiving Luncheon
Friday, November 18
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
\$10 members / \$12 non-members
Guests are welcome.

Holiday Luncheon
Friday, December 16, 2005
Orchard Pavilion
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Musical Entertainment Provided
\$10 members / \$12 non-members
Guests are welcome.

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Trademark Tips from the USPTO \$225
Pick up some tips on successfully prosecuting a trademark application. A U.S. Patent and Trademark Office videoconference.

Patent Application Flow \$225/\$250 (CLE)
The flow and sequence of events for the life of a patent application at the USPTO will be presented. A U.S. Patent and Trademark Office videoconference.

Novelty 35 USC 102 \$250/\$275 (CLE)
Participants learn to properly evaluate prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102. A U.S. Patent and Trademark Office videoconference.

Searching TESS \$125
Learn how to use TESS Trademark Electronic Search System for screening and knockout trademark searches. Seminar will be held at 505 W. Olive Ave., Suite 550.

Patent Basics \$125
An introduction to patents for those new to the process.

Patent Cooperation Treaty 1 \$275/\$300 (CLE)
An introduction to the PCT. A U.S. Patent and Tradmark Office videoconference.

Patent Cooperation Treaty 2 \$275/\$300 (CLE)
A continuation of part 1. A U.S. Patent and Trademark Office videoconference.

Searching EAST \$125
The Examiners Automated Search Tool is the search system used by examiners at the USPTO. EAST has large images, fast image retrieval and flip rate and is perfect for heavy-duty class/subclass searching.

Reexam & Reissue \$225/\$250 (CLE)
The lecture provides an overview of the statutes (35 U.S.C. 251 and 35 U.S.C. 302-305), rules (37 CFR 1.171 - 1.179 and 37 CFR 1.510-1.552) and MPEP requirements governing reissue applications and ex parte reexamination proceedings, respectively. A U.S. Patent and Trademark Office videoconference.

esp@cenet \$125
Esp@cenet is the premier free Internet database maintained by the European Patent Office. This seminar will be held at 505 W. Olive Ave., Suite 550.

Japanese Patents \$125
This is a workshop for people who would like to learn more about Japanese patent documents and about the resources for searching Japanese patents. This seminar will be held at 505 W. Olive Ave., Suite 550.

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